

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 23, 2003, has been carefully reviewed, and Applicant regrets the withdrawal of the allowability of the claims and respectfully disagrees with the rejections. Reconsideration of the grounds of objection and rejection are respectfully requested in view of the new claims submitted herewith and the remarks herein.

Summary of the Office Action

Process Claims 1-7 and 11-15 and 20-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter, because they allegedly do not produce a tangible result and even if so said result is not within the useful or technological arts.

The New Claims

New claims 24-27 are directed to the apparatus for enabling conflict resolutions.

New claims 28-31 are directed to the process for conflict resolution.

New claims 32-37 are directed to a portable kit containing the conflict resolution materials.

Claims 24-27 and 32-37 are clearly directed to statutory subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 28-31 are likewise directed to statutory subject matter which not only provides a useful, concrete tangible result, but also is in within the useful and technological arts.

As presently written, Claim 28 involves a process which requires the use of conflict resolution materials, one being a rug, the other being a written script. A conflict resolutions are packaged in a container which enable them to be positioned to the conflict resolution area. The Examiner's position that the rug and script are

peripheral elements of the actual process, is conclusionary and fails to appreciate the invention. It is necessary to have a specific portable object, which in a preferred embodiment is a rug, which is necessary to be transported to the conflict resolution area. Thus, the process supports the rug making industry as well as the packaging industry which is certainly within the technological art. The new claims now clearly define a positive result which is the resolution of the conflict.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration or withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that further amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, or if the Examiner believes that a personal interview would be advantageous in order to more expeditiously resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this

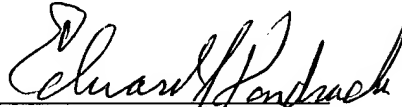
application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1165
(Attorney Docket No T2739-906589) and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit
Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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